

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Kazuaki OKUNO et al. )

Application No.: 10/573,821 )

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Confirmation No.: 9193

Group Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: Sheridan L. Swope

For: POLYPEPTIDE CLEAVAGE METHOD USING OmpT PROTEASE VARIANT

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper responds to a restriction requirement mailed May 22, 2008. A Petition for a five-month extension of time and corresponding fee are attached hereto, extending the period of response until November 24, 2008 (November 22<sup>nd</sup> is a Saturday).

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